

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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This is a National Stage entry of International Application PCT/EP2003/012337, with an international filing date of November 5, 2003, which was published as Publication WO 2004/041561 A1, and the complete disclosure of which is incorporated into this application by reference.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Page 1a, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:**

A twist-beam axle for the rear suspension of a motor vehicle, including a central cross-member and a pair of trailing arms fixed to respective side end portions of the cross-member ~~(11) according to the preamble of Claim 1~~ is known from EP-A-0 743 205. According to this known solution, each trailing arm comprises a pair of transversely inner half-shells, that is, a front half-shell and a rear half-shell, respectively, which are formed by prolongations of the respective end portion of the cross member, and a transversely outer half-shell securely connected to the pair of transversely inner half-shells so as to form therewith a structure having a closed cross-section.

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

**please amend the second paragraph as follows:**

This object is fully achieved according to the invention by virtue of a twist-beam axle for the rear suspension of a motor vehicle having the characteristics defined in the first independent

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~~Claim-1~~. According to another aspect of the invention, this object is fully achieved by virtue of a method for the production of a twist-beam axle for the rear suspension of a motor vehicle as defined in the second independent ~~Claim-9~~.

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**